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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
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For: METHOD OF INHIBITING)
 LEAKAGE OF DRUG)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the paragraph starting at page 1, line 17 and ending at page 2, line 24 with the following replacement paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

Bally et al. has found a method of inhibiting the leakage of an antitumor agent from liposomes (Japanese Patent No. 2,572,554). According to the method, a transmembrane